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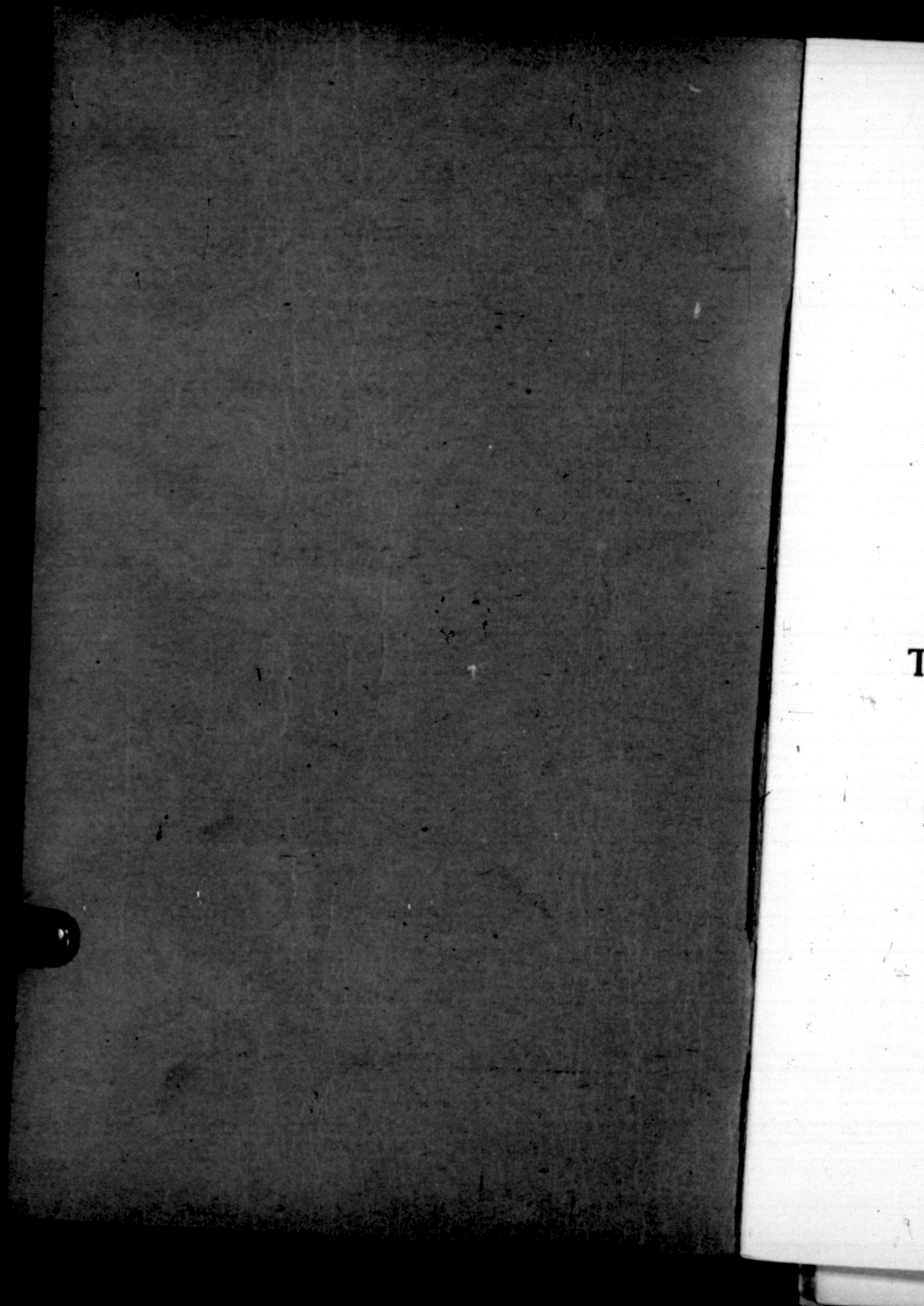
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OFFICERS

Thos. Spight, Ripley, Miss.	Moderator
J. S. Horton, Tiplersville, Miss.	Clerk
J. P. Byrd, Blue Mountain, Miss.	Treasurer

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (1) Organization.
- (2) Call for Petitionary Letters.
- (3) Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- (4) Appoint committees.
- (5) Read Constitution, Abstracts of Faith and Rules of Decorum
- (6) Select place for next meeting of this body and preacher to preach the sermon.
- (7) Appoint correspondents. (7) Call for Reports.
- (8) Elect Executive Board.
- (9) Miscellaneous business.
- (10) Call Roll of Delegates and mark absentees.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Tippah Baptist Association met in its second annual session with the Harmony Baptist church, August 29, 1923, Brother Thos. Spight presiding. Opening prayer by moderator. The clerk being absent J. S. Horton was asked by the moderator to act as temporary clerk.

Letters from the churches were called for, Bretheren T. M. Bennett and J. L. Street were appointed reading clerks. Letters were read and delegates were seated from the following churches, Providence, Chalybeate, Hunters Chapel, Macedonia, Lowery Memorial, Shady Grove, and Oakland. The congregation sang Higher Ground and All Hail The Power.

The Constitution abstract of faith and rules of decorum were read by clerk.

Adjournment to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

Prayer by Eld. C. C. Weaver.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

(1) Congregation called together by singing, Prayer by Dr. J. E. Buchannon. (2) Sermon by Dr. W. T. Lowery, Subject Stewardship. Text 1st. Peter 4th chapter 10th verse. (3) Called for other letters from churches and letters from the following were read and delegates seated, Tiplersville, Fellowship, Harmony, M. Morian, Falkner and Pleasant Ridge. (4) The Report on Stewardship Campaign was read by Bro. A. M. Donnell and discussed by Bros. C. C. Weaver, Dr. E. B. Hatcher and Dr. Lowery. Report adopted. (5) On motion of Dr. W. T. Lowery the regular order was suspended and the following officers were elected by acclamation, Moderator Thos. Spight, Clerk J. S. Horton, Treasurer J. P. Byrd. (6) The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Dr. E. B. Hatcher

Mrs. Obrey Street

A. M. Donnell, Social Service.

Dr. W. T. Lowery

J. L. Street

A. S. Warmath, Education.

C. C. Weaver

Walter Moffit

W. L. Smita, Missions

(7) Motion to change time of meeting of the association from Wednesday before the first Sunday in Sept. to Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in Sept. Motion carried. (8) Palmer Church Southwest of Ripley was selected as the place of meeting of the Tippah Association in 1924. Bro. C. C. Weaver was selected to preach the Introduct-

ory sermon with Elder C. M. Willbanks alternate. (9) Elected Bro. Thos. Spight as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention with Dr. E. B. Hatcher alternate. (10) Elected Bro. T. M. Bennett delegate to State Baptist Convention. (11) Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Recognized Bro. J. R. Gullett. (12) Motion carried authorizing other association to act as our messenger. (13) Committee on entertainment reported and assigned homes for the delegates. (14) Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Prayer by Dr. E. B. Hatcher.

For Minutes: Macedonia \$3.00, Mt. Moriah \$2.00; Fellowship \$3.00; Providence \$5.00, Oakland \$1.00 Falkner \$4.41 Pleasant Ridge \$1.00 Ripley \$5.00, Hunters Chapel \$1.60, Shady Grove \$4.00, Mt. Hebron \$1.90, 75 Mill on Fund \$3.00, Orpharage \$2.75, Chalybeate \$4.81, Harmony \$5.00, Total \$39.72.

Ripley—R. L. Nance, W. E. Moffitt, Lula Hugh Mothis, Norene Butler, Alternate Mark Duncan.

Fellowship—J. L. Stanford, G. A. Childres, R. A. Hodges, Nat Childres, D. W. Bullock, Dave Holliday.

Harmony—R. A. Gatlin, H. L. Rowland, B. M. Brotherton, Nat Childres, H. E. Willbanks, and Loyd Hopkins.

Oakland—T. R. Martindale, A. S. Warmath, W. R. Rowland, Leland Rowland, and J. E. Woods.

Tiplersville—Charley Bach, J. C. Hopper, Mrs. J. C. Hopper, W. L. Smith, R. A. Gather.

Falkner—T. W. Martindale, L. T. Welch, P. S. McMillen, Velma McMillen, Kate McMillen. Alternate J. W. McMillen, George Byrd.

Providence—J. S. Horton, J. D. Mecoy, J. A. Tomlinson, Loyd Horton, Mrs. J. J. Hopkins. Alternates A. H. Tomlinson and Lytle Ray.

Pleasant Hill—W. E. Carroll, H. W. Duncan, L. C. Duncan Alternate A. E. George.

Mt. Moriah—R. C. Bennett, J. W. Drewry, Lee Smith, Mrs. Joe Hines.

Hunter Chapel—W. D. Brotherton, J. W. Huddleston, T. J. Ford,

Macedonia—Homer Reaves, Mrs. Homer Reaves, Will Birdsong, Homer Hill.

Lowery Memorial—Dr. E. B. Hatcher, Dr. J. E. Buchannon, Geo. Deen, Dr. W. T. Lowery, A. M. Donnell.

Shady Grove—W. W. Harrell and Lovie Graves.

Chalybeate—T. M. Bennett, W. T. Crump, C. C. Weaver, J. W. Tomlinson, Mrs. J. W. Tomlinson and Mrs. W. E. Clemmer.

Pleasant Ridge—J. P. Shelton, D. D. Richardson, and Jim Turner.

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THURSDAY MORNING

Called together by singing "Blest be the tie that binds" and There shall be showers of Blessings". Prayer by Bro. J. R. Gullett. (2) Motion by Dr. Lowery that each church of this association select one of its members to serve on executive board and furnish Bro. A. C. Anderson chairman of said board with name of same, and such members so named by the churches shall constitute the Executive Board of this association. (3) Called for letters from churches and letters from the following churches presented, read and Delegates seated. Academy, Mt. Hebron, and Tiplersville. (4) Report on Social Service read by Dr. E. B. Hatcher; Discussed by Dr. E. B. Hatcher, Eld. J. R. G. Heulett, Capt. Spight, R. C. Bennett and C. C. Weaver. Report adopted. (5) Report on Missions read by Eld. C. C. Weaver.

Afternoon Session.

(1) Called together by singing Amazing Grace and Called to order by the Moderator. (2) Prayer by Dr. E. B. Hatcher. (3) The report on Missions was taken up and after being discussed by C. C. Weaver and J. R. G. Huelett, was adopted. (4) Report on Education read by Dr. W. T. Lowery and discussed by Dr. Lowery and Dr. Heulett and adopted. (5) Motion offered by Dr. Hatcher expressing the appreciation and thanks of this body to the church and community for their royal hospitality and entertainment. Adopted. (6) Motion allowing the clerk \$10.00 out of the minute funds for his services. Adopted.

Thos. Spight, Moderator.

J. S. Horton, Clerk.

REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

Social Service in General.

Social Service is applied Christianity. It is exemplifying that pure and undefiled religion which visits the fatherless and widows in their affliction.

Social problems must be met and mastered not only by the churches deal with crime, immorality, poverty, disease and everything that concerns society as a whole. It looks beyond the case of individual need to the cause of that need and its effect upon society.

Social problems must be met and mastered not only by the churches as such, but by the Christian Citizenship which gathers into and grows out of the churches of Jesus Christ.

Christian citizens deal with these problems: (1) through preventive measures, sanitation, hygiene, law enforcement; (2) through corrective measures, prisons, asylums, reformatories; and (3) through

relief measures, hospitals, orphanages, Good Will Centers, care of old preachers, etc.

Every agency that seeks to deal with these problems along lines consistent with Baptist principles should have the heartiest cooperation of our churches.

Some such agencies, not under Baptist direction, are as follows:

1. Law Enforcement.

Aside from the local machinery for law enforcement in every community, the agencies that should have the fullest sympathy and aid from every local Baptist in the prosecution of their work are the Anti-Saloon League, headed by Lr. T. J. Bailey, Supt., Jackson, and the Federal Prohibition enforcement officers, headed by Mr. M. H. Dally, Prohibition Director, Jackson.

2. Public Health.

The work of the State Board of Health, under direction of Dr. W. S. Leathers, Jackson, is an agency whose splendid work should have the intelligent cooperation of our people.

3. Child Welfare.

The Mississippi Children's Home Society located at Jackson, of which Rev. John L. Sutton is Superintendent, is the greatest single agency in the state for the care of dependent children.

It is estimated that there are about 12,000 neglected and dependent children in the State of Mississippi.

STATE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

1. Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, J. R. Carter, Superintendent.

The efforts put forth by Christian people in saving and training children are the most effective efforts for citizenship and for Kingdom building.

2. Mississippi Baptist Hospital, R. S. Curry, Superintendent.

The past year has been perhaps the most important year in the growth and development of the Baptist Hospital in its whole history.

We have now a splendidly working staff of Physicians, Surgeons and Specialists.

3. Baptist Memorial Hospital, Joseph Purvis, Superintendent.

The work of the hospital moved forward steadily during the first six months of 1923.

Patronage continues to increase, as shown by the following figures: Patients admitted 5,399 (as against 4,168 for same period last year), of these 602 came from Arkansas, 3,745 from Tennessee, 909 from Mississippi and 143 from other states. 463 of these were cared for in the charity departments, 80 from Arkansas, 292 from Tennessee, 62

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4. Good Will Center.

Mississippi has but one Good Will Center. This is located in the mill district of Meridian. It is directly under the management of Miss Millie Mae McLellan, a graduate of the Louisville Training School. Miss McLellan lives in the Good Will Center Home where she has one assistant. Together they look after this home, where they do their own housekeeping, where they have a day nursery for children whose mothers work out, and where the various clubs of the Good Will center hold their meetings.

SOUTHWIDE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

1. The Relief and Annuity Board, Wm. Lunsford, Cor. Sec'y.

In May 1920 the total assets of the Relief and Annuity Board amounted to \$162,123.10. In May 1923 the total had reached \$1,490,193.59.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. HATCHER,
MRS. ORBREY STREET,
A. M. DONNELL.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

One of the greatest needs of our country and our cause is the need for educated leaders; national leaders, state leaders, county leaders, neighborhood leaders; leaders in Civic affairs, leaders in social life, leaders in religious thought and work; leaders who are sincere, consecrated, intelligent; leaders who can lead. Baptist schools are meant primarily for the development of Baptist leaders. Of course, they educate many who are not Baptists and in that case they can send them out better fitted for Christian living and with less prejudice against the Baptists.

There are four Baptist schools that belong to the Baptists of Mississippi and four that belong to the Southern Baptist Convention. The Mississippi Baptist schools are Mississippi College at Clinton, Womans' College at Hattiesburg, Clarke Memorial College at Newton, and Blue Mountain College. Hillman College at Clinton belongs to President M. P. L. Berry, but has Baptist trustees, a Baptist president and is affiliated with Baptist interests. Four of the above schools are in the Southern half of the state, Blue Mountain College being the only one in the Northern half. All of these schools occupy

important territory and all are doing important work for the deno-
mination and for mankind.

The Southern Baptist schools are The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky. The Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La., and The Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, which includes a Womans Training School. Probably the most important task before Mississippi Baptists now is the endowment of their schools. This is absolutely necessary if we are to give advantages equal to the state schools at prices that will hold our boys and girls.

W. T. LOWREY,

A. S. WARMATH,

J. L. STREET, Committee.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

It is with a feeling of deep gratitude to God that we are able to report the progress made in the various departments of Mission work during the past year. We are on a rising tide.

MISSIONS WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION

The new plan of associational organization providing for an Executive Board composed of one member from each church has resulted in more efficient service in many association. The plan further provides for regular quarterly meetings with well prepared comprehensive programs showing the progress of the work in all the churches.

Monthly pastor's conferences are proving to be very helpful in some associations, the pastors from the churches comprising an association gathering once a month for Bible study and for the study of plans and programs for the Kingdom work. It would prove to be very beneficial to the local church work as well as to the denominational work if the pastors would organize in every association in the State for study and for concentration in the Kingdom program.

Another thing that should be observed by the Executive Committee of the association is the applications which are made annually by the various churches needing help. The Executive Committee, if possible, should visit in person, or have others visit, these churches and assist in putting on an every-member canvass among the membership and if possible to raise sufficient funds to enable the work to be carried on without the assistance of the Board. This is needed to enable the Board to help places which are unable to help themselves and also for the purpose of developing the local membership of the church. The

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Executive Board should not approve an application for help unless the church asking for the help pledges itself to raise some definite amount to support the various causes of the denomination.

MISSIONS WITHIN THE STATE

1. Church Building and Church Extension Support.

The amount appropriated for church building purposes for this year is \$27,000. The number of church being assisted from this fund is 49. Of this number 21 are town churches and 28 are country churches. This is by far the largest appropriation that has ever been made for church extension work by our State Board.

2. Missionary Pastoral Support.

The Board is assisting in paying the salaries of 100 pastors. The number of churches represented is 153. Of this number 63 are in town and 85 in the country. The appropriation to this work surpassed any previous appropriation.

3. Miscellaneous Mission Work.

The Board is assisting in the paying of the salaries of four Indian pastors. The amount set apart for this work is \$500.00. There are 8 churches sharing in this fund, besides some mission work is being done among Indians who have no work. The Board is paying a salary to Rev. B. H. Ellis who is missionary to the Creoles. He is a faithful missionary and his work is prospering. In addition to this, the Board pays part of the salary of the Corresponding Secretary of the Negro Baptist Convention Board, a part of the salary of the Bible teacher in the Jackson Baptist College (colored), and furnishes Bible, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. teachers for two weeks each at Natchez and Jackson Colleges once a year. The Board pays a part of the salaries of two religious workers in Good Will Center, Meridian, and a part of the salary of two religious workers, one in Blue Mountain College and one in the Woman's College.

4. Enlistment Missionary Work.

The Board began the year's work with six enlistment missionaries. Three have since resigned. The total visible results of their work in so far as it can be tabulated is as follows. Churches visited, 1,081; Services held, 1,326; Sermons and addresses, 1,382; Sunday Schools organized, 5; Training Classes organized 5; B. Y. P. U's organized, 7; W. M. U's organized, 7; Every Member Canvasses made for local budget, 132; Mission and Benevolent Canvasses, 30; Baptist Record put into every home, 6; Subscriptions for the Baptist Record, 136; Pastor's fields formed, 29; Conferences with churches, 363; Pastor's

Conferences attended, 156; Associational Board Meetings, 31; Building enterprises begun, 20; Additions to churches—by baptism, 90—by letter 55—by statement, 3—by restoration, 3. These brethren gave a great part of their time to the Seventy-Five Million Campaign.

5. Colportage Mission Work.

The Board has had in the field one man, Rev. L. E. Lightsey, who gives his time in the main to the Baptist Record, the sale of books for the Baptist Book store and to the distribution of religious tracts. His report follows: Churches visited, 149; services held, 109; sermons and addresses, 285; books sold, 3,711; books given, 67; B. Y. P. U's organized, 1; W. M. I's organized 1; Subscriptions to Home and Foreign Field, 200; Subscriptions to Orphanage Gem, 75; Subscriptions to Royal Service, 62; Subscriptions to the Baptist Record, 948; Tracts distributed, 2,496; Amount received for books, \$2,494.15; Additions by baptism, 31 and by letter, 36. Brother Lightsey's work grows every year.

6. Sunday School Work.

The Sunday School Department, through the Assistant Secretary, J. E. Sweany, makes the following report: The Sunday School workers have visited 170 churches. During the month of April, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Sweany gave their entire time to the Seventy-Five Million Campaign, 1237 diplomas have been issued for the completion of the Sunday School Normal Manual and 5077 seals for the completion of other books in the course. Fifteen city training schools have been held and 51 rural schools, and in some of these rural schools every church in the county where a school is held has been represented. Four weeks were given to the two negro colleges. There are about 250 more Sunday Schools than there were last year. There have been 21 additions to the churches by letter, 53 by baptism and about 60 professions of faith who did not unite with the churches at the time the workers were there.

Brother Sweany makes the following recommendations:

- (1) That a special effort be made to organize (where there is not one already) an Associational Sunday School Convention to meet annually and give our time to this, our own work, and not take the time of our people in the Interdominational meetings for which there is no place now.
- (2) That as far as possible the Association fix time and place for the Summer Training School and elect some man as Publicity Director who will be responsible for enlisting some from every church to attend this school.
- (3) That the Association appoint someone who will lead in the ex-

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(4) That we urge all of our Sunday Schools to make much of the special programs the last Sundays in March, June and September. These programs are not only educational, but give our people an opportunity to have a part in the denominational work.

7. B. Y. P. U. Work

The Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Department, Mr. Auber J. Wilds makes the following report: We have come into a new era in B. Y. P. U. work. The B. Y. P. U. is thought of now as a very vital part of our church life and the church without a B. Y. P. U. is as much out of line in Kingdom building as is the church without a Sunday School. We have come to realize—none to soon—that it is just as important to teach "How" to do it as it is to teach "What" to do.

THE PASTOR THE CHIEF OFFICER.

The acceptance of the B. Y. P. U. as a part of the church means that the pastor finds himself the chief officer, pastor of the B. Y. P. U. No department of the church will go beyond the leadership of the pastor. The responsibility then is upon the pastor to assume the obligation. The true pastor recognizes in this department of the work his chief ally. The B. Y. P. U., if properly pastored, will back the pastor in all his work.

ADVANCE IN THE COUNTRY

There has been a marked increased interest shown by the country churches during the past year and many of these churches have organized B. Y. P. U.'s. They are feeling the need of leaders and are welcoming the organization that promises them this help. Since the large majority of churches in Mississippi are country churches, we are looking to them to promote the B. Y. P. U. interest. Any church, regardless as to location, can have a B. Y. P. U. if there is just one person in the church absolutely consecrated to the work, and certainly there is not a church but has this one person.

B. Y. P. U. Statistics.

2,000 B. Y. P. U.'s have been organized within the past year in the eighteen Southern States. Mississippi claims 100 of these. The number of unions in Mississippi has grown to 700.

Three states, Texas, Georgia and North Carolina have 1,000 or more B. Y. P. U.'s. Mississippi ought to be in this class.

The Sunday School Board publishes each quarter 362,200 B. Y. P. U. Quarterlies. Mississippi receives about 21,000 of these.

Five years ago we had no Associational B. Y. P. U. organizations. There are now ten.

Five years ago we had no district organization, and we now have our six District B. Y. P. U. Conventions that are proving powerful factors in our organization.

Our State Convention has grown from an attendance of 350 five years ago to an attendance of 1,500.

An Added Worker

At a meeting of the State Mission Board last December another of Aberdeen Miss Morgan is devoting her time to Junior and Intermediate B. Y. P. U. work. Her record for the year is most gratifying, and we bless the Lord for her work.

8. W. M. U. Work.

The W. M. U. Department through its State Secretary, Miss M. M. Lackey, makes the following report of their stewardship for the Associational year closing with August 1, 1923:

The Woman's Missionary Union has five definite aims which they purpose to carry out in the accomplishment of their work, namely: Supplication, Stewardship, Study, Service and Soul-Winning. A Standard of Excellence containing ten points is placed before each local society to help the same fulfill these definite aims.

The growth of the work in Mississippi has made it necessary to enlarge the official family. Besides the President, Young People's Leader and Corresponding Secretary, there is now six Vice Presidents one for each of the Six Districts also a Young People's Counselor in each District. A State personal Service Leader a Stewardship Chairman and a Mission Study Chairman. The ideal being these same officers in each local society, each Association, and District. Other officers required for looking after special phases are a Margaret Fund Chairman, a Training School Chairman, Recording Secretary and College Correspondent.

The number of local organizations are now 1,404 of which 771 are Woman's Missionary Societies and the other Young People's. Of this number of W. M. S. 88 are new organizations; and of the young people's 161 are new organizations.

This growth is not abnormal; indeed not just what it should be but it has given us healthy organizations. And we attribute this in large measure to mission study. Our women and our young people are devoting more time and attention to the study of missions than ever

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before. This past year Mississippi reported 35 per cent of all the classes doing mission work within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The heart of the Mississippi W. M. U. is deeply interested in the 75 Million Campaign, hence the Union is going forward this year under the slogan,

"A Dollar each quarter
From each Mother and Daughter".

This over and above Campaign pledges. In order to succeed in carrying out this slogan the women are appealing to the brethren in every association to lend their help in this matter.

With a firm conviction that the work of Christian Womanhood may best be accomplished through organization the W. M. U. is going forth bearing upon their banner this watchword:

"He that wrought for us this very thing is God." II Cor. 5:5.

9. The Laymen's Work.

The Laymen have no distinctive organization in Mississippi, except an executive Committee of six leading laymen who are appointed each year by the State Convention. This committee advises with the other leaders of our denominational work in planning and executing the various programs for the advancement of the kingdom.

More and more the laymen of the State are lining up in the regular denominational program and making themselves useful in carrying out the plans of the churches the associations and the denomination at large. More laymen were used in putting over our spring cash round-up than ever have taken part in a similar movement before. Still larger use will be made of our consecrated laymen in the plans now being projected for the fall.

The Budget Stewardship Campaign that is now being launched through the South is largely an outgrowth of the agitation and interest of the laymen during recent years. Their influence and active assistance are now urged in the teaching of the Stewardship and in putting into operation in the churches the Unified Budget Plan for gathering and distributing funds for the Lord's work.

10. The Baptist Record.

The Baptist Record another agency of the State Convention Board has had hard sailing due to the fact that many churches have put into the budget, thus paying only \$1.50 for each subscriber, when the paper costs \$2.00, for each subscriber, to get it out. We are glad to note, however, that the paper since the first of January, has gained some in subscriptions ranging around ten thousand—due largely to the growing recognition of its importance—and the receipts since

the first of January have been \$934.67 more than the cost of production. This is due to three things: first to an increase of advertising, to the energetic work of the subscription clerk and to the fact that some other expenses should by rights have been charged to the paper. At the present price of \$1.50 when put into the budget of the church, the paper cannot pay out, unless the subscription is greatly increased. The Budget plan is the best and most practical method for handling the Baptist Record but it may become necessary to require the full price of \$2.00 even when put into the budget.

11. The Baptist Book Store.

The Baptist Book Store, which belongs to the State Convention Board has sold more books this year than ever. The operating expense has been cut some, but the paying of taxes has interfered with the profits. We hope, however, that with the increased sales to come out in the clear with sufficient profit to justify the maintenance of this phase of the work. It has made a small profit for the past two years. We would urge our people to buy from their own store, even though they may at times have to pay a little more for a book than they would have to pay at a second hand store or to a cut price concern, simply for the reason that if our store makes any profit, the profit goes into the State Mission treasury.

12. The Baptist Press.

The Baptist Press, belonging to the State Convention Board, has been for several months making some profit on operation. The business is increasing. We would call attention of our people to the fact that the Baptist Press is doing excellent work. It is also aiding in making the work of our denomination more efficient. We do not have to be delayed in getting our printing done. The Baptist Record gets out on time. The Press employs some of the best printers in Jackson.

13. The Baptist Seventy - Five Million Campaign.

The receipts from the beginning of the Campaign to date are \$2,358,816.31. The receipts from August 1st, 1922 to August 1st, 1923 were \$449,036.04. The money has been distributed on the following percentage basis: Foreign Missions, 25 per cent; Home Missions, 16 per cent; Southwide objects 04 per cent; Christian education 24, per cent; Orphanage 03 per cent; Hospital 053 per cent; General Objects, 013; per cent; Southwide objects 04 per cent; Christian education 24, per cent. There remain only about fifteen or sixteen months until the Campaign will close. We must work fast. This year's spring round-up Campaign was very satisfactory as a whole, due largely to the fact that all day services were planned for in all the churches. This was re-enforced by the going of many laymen from the strong churches

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to assist in making the Campaign a success. It was also due to the thorough organization for this work.

It is exceedingly important that our churches give themselves during the month of October to the raising of large sums of cash in order to enable the State Board and the other causes to carry to completion the work as outlined for the year. Because of the large appropriation made, we shall be compelled to have more cash this fall than we have heretofore received if the work is completed. The State Board of Mississippi appropriated this year over \$115,000.00. Thus far since the Campaign was launched our work has been carried on without interruption and without any indebtedness. Will you help to continue this record.

We would be leave to recommend that serious, careful and prayerful consideration be given to the plans and programs for our Lord's work following the Seventy Five Million Campaign. We cannot go backward. We cannot stand still and remain where we are. We can go forward. We should go forward. We must go forward. Hence, we beseech you to consider the resolution which has been prepared; ask God what you should, as an association do with it; vote on it and send a copy to Dr. R. B. Gunter, Jackson, Miss., as soon as the association adjourns in order that he may know what to tell the new program Committee recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention as to what Mississippi Baptist want to do following this Campaign. By this means we shall also know what our churches want when we come to our State Convention in November.

14. Budget-Stewardship Campaign.

The Southern Baptist convention in its May session, Kansas City, recommended a Budget and Stewardship Campaign for the whole South. The Conservation Commission, approved by the Southern Baptist Convention, following the recommendation for Stewardship and Budget Campaign, elected Dr. O. E. Bryan at that time the head of the department of Enlistment and Evangelism of the Home Board, as Director of this movement. Dr. Bryan is a very practical man with considerable common sense and plenty of religion. If the churches give themselves to this new work as they should, the next ten years for Southern Baptists will mark greater progress than for any thirty years in the past. Literature will be furnished to the churches, a book on Stewardship and one on the Budget Plan will be recommended for study. We are coming nearer all the time to the Bible plan of financing the Kingdom. We shall see our churches grow in the doctrine of Stewardship and in regular and systematic giving to all causes.

MISSIONS BEYOND THE STATE

1. Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City last May. When the Convention met in that city eighteen years ago, the board's receipts for the year were \$169,988.92. This year they were \$1,002,193.07.

Then the Board reported 10,551 baptisms, this year 38,770. In 1905 the Board had no special department for Evangelism. Shortly after that the department was organized and through it there have been 152,846 converts baptised, 208,643 additions to the churches and 23,260 volunteers for the ministry or definite mission work.

Surely we have reason for abundant thanksgiving to God for His marvelous favor upon the work of our Home Mission Board.

It is our one great Southwide missionary agency and has been the greatest single factor in helping to make the South a mighty Baptist empire.

While Southern Baptists have made mighty progress, there are greater needs and vaster opportunities at present than ever before in our history.

There are millions of lost souls whom we must reach and our people must be enlisted in all our denominational life and activities.

Our Home Mission Board is heavily in debt on account of the great enlargement of the work and the falling off in receipts due largely to the deflation in prices in general.

The last report of the Board states that if we can raise \$75,000,000 by the close of the Seventy-Five Million Campaign and the Home Board receives its due proportion, the Board's debt can be paid and the Board's work increased fifty per cent over its present proportions.

Let us come to the help of this great work and all our other interests as well.

2. Foreign Missions.

Our Foreign Mission work grows. We have now 891 churches in sixteen foreign lands; 211 or practically one-fourth of these churches are self supporting; 442 or one half have their own houses of worship. In addition to the churches there are 2,896 out-stations which give us a total of practically 4,000 stations where the Word of God is preached regularly. Last year was the crowning year in baptisms, 12,611 were baptised, which is 4,720 more than reported the year before. We have 103,328 members. These gave \$4.23 per capita last year. We have 796 schools which were attended last year by 32,789 scholars. This

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There were 1,447 Sunday Schools, which had an enrollment of 67,407.

We have now 501 foreign missionaries and 2,320 native missionaries. This is almost twice as many foreign missionaries and almost four times as many native missionaries as we had in 1919 at the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign.

The Board reported a debt of \$403,000 at the last Southern Baptist Convention. There has been no disposition to criticize the Board because everybody has realized that the Board has been very conservative in making appropriations. It has appropriated only a little above one-half of the amount that was proposed for it in the 75 Million Campaign.

The Board at its June meeting appointed forty-eight new missionaries who in the early fall of this year will go to their fields.

The practical suggestion for everybody to take to heart at this critical time when the Board is burdened with debt, overwhelmed by the growth of the work, and appalled by the vast unmet needs, is that every one should do his utmost to pay his 75 Million Campaign pledge in full this year. If these pledges are paid fully, the Board can pay its debts, support the missionaries and provide for many, many more distressing needs. The simple solution of our present situation is the payment of our 75 Million Campaign pledges. This is the biggest need for Foreign Missions this year. Now is the time to go forward.

C. C. WEAVER, Chairman,

W. E. MOFFITT.

In as much as the Southern Baptist Convention at the last meeting instructed the conservation commission to arrange for a Stewardship campaign among the churches of the convention and,

Whereas the Conservation commission is arranging to present this matter to our churches;

Resolved that we ask our churches to give careful and sympathetic consideration to the matter when it is presented to them.
Committee: A. M. Donnell, Mrs. Ellen Street, C. C. Weaver, Miss Gertrude Durham, S. N. Ayres, Dr. E. B. Hatcher.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Academy—Delegates,—Pastor S. V. Gullett; Clerk, J. E. Ratliff
Cotton Plant, Miss. Increase by Baptism none. Decrease by letter 2,
by death 3. Membership 182. Local expenses \$2.53.85. Organized 1842.
Value of church property \$1600.00.

Shady Grove, Delegates, W. W. Harrel, Lovie Graves, Pastor, C. M. Willbanks, Clerk Clay Hobson, Ripley, Miss. Increase by letter 6, decrease by Death 1. total membership 161, local church expense \$198. 35 Sunday School expense \$15.0 for minutes \$4.00, 75 Million Campaign \$34.00, total \$253.35

Lowery Memorial.—Delegates Dr. E. B. Hatcher, Dr. J. E. Buchanan, Geo. Deen, Dr. W. T. Lowery, and A. M. Donnell. Pastor Dr. E. B. Hatcher, Blue Mountain, Clerk A. M. Donnell, Blue Mountain. Addition by Baptism 31, by letter 37, total 68. Losses, by letter 77, by exclusion 2, by Death 2, total 81. Present membership 591. Organized 1879, value of church property \$27,500.00 Total local expenses \$3,781.51 75 Million Campaign \$3,861.70.

Falkner—Delegates, T. W. Martindale, L. T. Welch, P. S. McMillen, Velma McMillen, and Kate McMillen. Pastor E. J. Eubanks, Clerk Gideon Watts; Falkner. Total addition 4. Total losses 4. Present membership 218, Value of church property \$8.00, Total local expense \$235.00, minutes \$2.40, State Missions \$2.20.

Pleasant Hill—Delegates, W. E. Carrol, H. W. Duncan, L. C. Duncan, Pastor E. J. Eubanks, Clerk G. F. Duncan, Ripley. Total additions 5, total losses 1. Church House built 1908. Value of church property \$1,000.00, total local expense \$150.00

Mt. Moriah—Delegates, R. C. Bennett, J. W. Drewry and Lee Smith. Pastor C. H. Fry, Blue Mountain. Clerk Lee Smith, Ripley. Total losses 9, present membership 111. Church organized 1873. Value of church property \$1000.00. Total local expense \$246.47, 75 Million Campaign \$36.50.

Harmony—Delegates R. A. Gatlin, Nat Childers, H. I. Rowland, H. E. Willbanks, B. M. Brotherton, Loyd Hopkins, Pastor S. V. Gullett, Blue Mt. clerk J. N. Willbanks, Walnut. Total addition 31, total losses 9, present membership 239. Total local expense \$1129.79, 75 Million Campaign \$228.16

Fellowship—Delegates, J. L. Stanford, G. A. Childers, R. A. Hodges, pastor G. W. Wages Blue Mt. clerk A. L. Garrison Ripley. Increase 6, losses 2, present membership 144. Organized 1840. Value of church property \$1,000. Total local expense \$212.60, total specials \$11.00, for minutes \$3.00.

Chalybeate — Delegates T. M. Bennett, W. T. Crump, Rev. C. C. Weaver, J. W. Tomlinson, Mrs. J. W. Tomlinson, Mrs. Bessie Clemmer Pastor Rev. C. C. Weaver, Chalybeate, Clerk Dan Barger Chalybeate. Additions 8, losses 9, present membership 235 church organized 1843, value of church property \$7,500, pastor's house \$2,000. Total local expenses \$1614.00, 75 Million Campaign \$895.17, other items \$341.54.

Oakland—Delegates, T. R. Martindale, A. S. Warmath, W. R. Roland. Pastor J. L. Courson, Saulsbury, Tenn. Additions 15, losses 7, present membership 93, church organized 1913. Value of church property \$500.00, local expenses \$125.15 75 Million Campaign \$1.43, other offerings \$18.03.

Mt. Heborn—Delegates, Frank Brown, Haston Keith, E. T. Dunn. Pastor J. L. Courson, Clerk, J. M. Mc Hundro, Walnut, Miss. Additions 5, losses 5, present membership 117, church organized 1902. Value of church property \$500.00. Total local expense \$153.40, 75 Million Campaign \$5.75.

Providence—Delegates, J. D. McCoy, J. A. Tomlinson, Loyd Horton. J. S. Horton, Pastor Rev. C. C. Weaver Chalybeate, Miss. Clerk Bob Ray Tiplersville, Miss. Church constructed 1861. Total additions 6, losses 5, present membership 189. Total value of church property \$1400.00. Total local expense \$723.16, 75 Million Campaign \$310.70.

Macedonia—Delegates, Homer Reaves, Mrs. Homer Reaves, Will Birdsong, Homer Hill, Pastor Rev. G. W. Wages Blue Mtn., Clerk Homer Hill Blue Mt. Miss. Total additions 25, total losses 15. Total value of church property \$1000.00. Total local expense \$213.00 75 Million Campaign \$106.10.

Hunters Chapel—Delegates, W. D. Brotherton, J. W. Huddleston, T. J. Ford, Pastor J. H. Needham, Ashland. Miss. Clerk D. N. Huddleston Ripley, Miss. Total additions 8, present membership 47. Church constructed 1916. Total local expense \$71.60, 75 Million Campaign \$37.50.

Ripley Delegates ———— Pastor C. M. Willbanks, Clerk ———— Church Constituted ———— Value of church property ———, Total expense \$1202.65 75 Million Campaign ———.

Tiplersville—Delegates Charley Balch, J. C. Hopper, Mrs. J. C. Hopper, W. L. Smith. Pastor — Clerk O. T. Horton Tiplersville, Miss. church constituted— Value of church property \$2500.00. Additions 15, present membership 115. Local expense \$200.00 75 Million Campaign \$30.00.

LICENSED MINISTERS

W. E. McDonald, Tiplersville, Miss., J. S. Davis, Walnut, Miss.,
Ward Luna Walnut, Miss.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Tippah County Baptist Association.

Article 2. It shall be composed of persons who shall be duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union. The Moderator, Clerk and Executive Board shall be ex-officio members of the next session.

Article 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall at the opening of each Association, present letters specifying their appointment and also showing the number baptized, received by letter dismissed, excluded, restored and died during the year with the whole number in fellowship.

Article 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number over fifty members and then one for every fifty over that number.

Article 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered dropped by the Association.

Article 6. New churches may be admitted into this body by signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided these be orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Article 7. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as letters from the churches are read and members names enrolled.

Article 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop churches as may become disorderly either in doctrine or discipline.

Article 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for home and foreign missions or for any cause fostered by this Association. This Association will take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

Article 10. If any church shall have a difficulty with another church, we advise them to take steps laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and no difficulty between churches shall be entertained by this body unless such steps have been taken.

Article 11. When the churches of this union have members which they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such members to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament, and we

advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, and the constitution of churches, to be governed by the abstract of principles of this Association.

Article 12. This Association shall correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

Article 13. The minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session closes. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

Article 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board composed of one member from each church holding membership in the Association, the members to be chosen from nominees selected by the various churches, the committee on nominations naming the member from any church failing to suggest a name, the officers of the Association and the pastors of all churches belonging to the Association, when not actual members of the executive board, to be recognised as advisory members, without voting power.

Article 15. The Constitution may be altered or amended at an annual meeting if a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three are one.
2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and is our only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.
4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ which is with them that believe.
5. We believe in the doctrine of election—that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.
6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to prayers of Christians.
7. We believe in the final preservation of the Saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.
8. We believe in baptism by immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects for the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and that all

who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe that a gospel church is a band of true believers in Christ who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in Him, and there are but two officers in the church—the elder, or pastor, and deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the word of God as far as their means will enable them to do so.

11. We believe in the New Testament doctrine of Missions. That the great commission given to the disciples of Christ before his ascension, as recorded in Matthew 28.18-20, is obligatory upon the disciples of every generation; that the chief business of a church in the world is to give the Gospel to the world; that it is the solemn duty and the exalted privilege of the believer to extend the Master's Kingdom by prayer, by personal effort and by the giving of money to the propagation of the gospel throughout the world.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of men, and in the future and final judgment, and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made the same day but at no subsequent time.

4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but shall not vote unless his vote is necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion. When the subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion the Moderator shall call a vote and if a call for division is made it shall be decided by the members rising.

6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice

upon any subject without permission.

8. All subjects introduced for discussion shall be disposed of before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church, without cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

10. The names of the members shall be called when the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other and only scripture titles in our minutes.

12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

13. Amendments or alterations may be made by these rules when a majority may deem necessary.

ORDAINED PREACHERS

L. F. Carmichael	Ripley, Miss.
P. W. Caviness	Falkner, Miss.
J. H. Crawford	Booneville, Miss.
H. L. Davis	Ripley, Miss.
E. J. Eubanks	Chalybeate, Miss.
S. V. Gullett	Blue Mountain, Miss.
E. B. Hatcher	Blue Mountain, Miss.
W. T. Lowrey	Blue Mountain, Miss.
T. T. Martin	Blue Mountain, Miss.
E. A. Petroff	Blue Mountain, Miss.
P. T. Wilbanks	Walnut, Miss.
C. M. Wilbanks	Ripley, Miss.

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